

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Colonel Robert E. Ceruti first came to South Dakota to begin his tour of duty as Vice Commander of the 44th Strategic Missile Wing of the United States Air Force at Ellsworth Air Force Base on July 2, 1982; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Ceruti's abilities were recognized, and on March 31, 1983, he became Commander of the 44th Strategic Missile Wing; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Ceruti has been a vital link in our national security, maintaining one of the highest strategic alert rates in the entire Strategic Air Command and leading the 44th to high inspection rates on all major inspections; and,

WHEREAS, Under Colonel Ceruti's watchful eye, two 500-person dormitories were constructed and plans were laid for a security police headquarters and a transportation maintenance facility; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Ceruti is known in South Dakota as a leader dedicated to stronger military/civilian relationships and as a strong advocate of solid education for the children of Ellsworth personnel; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Ceruti will be leaving South Dakota after more than two years to assume his new duties as the Deputy Chief of Staff of Testing and Evaluation of the First Strategic Aerospace Division at Vandenberg Air Force Base; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Ceruti is being honored by the people of Ellsworth at a going away dinner on Saturday, August 4:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 4, 1984, as

COLONEL ROBERT E. CERUTI DAY

in South Dakota, and I wish Colonel Ceruti and his family a fond farewell and Godspeed. Though he will be leaving us physically, his days with us will long be remembered. Colonel Ceruti is a true South Dakotan and friend.



ATTEST:

*Alice Kundert*  
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Four

*William J. Janklow*  
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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